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Committee of Ways and Means held Tuesday, January 12th, 1897. Mrs James in the chair.

Mrs Pierson presented the docket. For some time past, we have had a column in the Mid-Continent each week, prepared by Mrs Hume. The Mid-Continent has been merged into the Herald and Presbyter. This paper has always been very courteous in regard to accepting Miss Burnet's articles, and it was moved and carried that Miss Burnet send articles regularly to the Herald and Presbyter.

A letter has been received from Dr. Duncan asking if the Woman's Executive Committee will not raise $300 towards the salary of Mr. Mc Gaw, the pastor at Hot Springs, N.C. As Mr. Mc Gaw was called to Hot Springs by action of the Presbytery, we are by no means authorized to use contributions made for school work towards payment of his salary. It was moved and carried that we do not assume anything towards his support.

Mrs Pierson presented the report of the Industrial department at Harlan, Ky. Everything justifies the establishment of this work; the teachers writing most encouragingly in regard to it. God has certainly blessed the efforts put forth at Harlan.

Rev. Mr. Howell, Synodical Missionary of Michigan has written Mr. Mc Afee that his wife cannot bear the climate of Michigan, that she is going to the Mountains of North Carolina for the winter, and offers her services in any of our schools there. As there are no vacancies in the schools, no action was taken relating to this offer.

Heretofore, our By-Laws have been type-written. It has now been suggested that they be printed in a small leaflet in order that our Committees may have available copies. Since some revision is necessary, it was moved and carried that this revision be referred to the Publication Committee to report at a future meeting, together with a recommendation as to the required number printed.

Mrs Pierson stated that it had been suggested that our Advisory Committee appear on the page of our magazine, not as a whole but separated into the various committees. This matter was also left to the Publication Committee to report upon at a future meeting.

Mrs Brownell asks if Miss Emmet has been paid for the design of the Seal, which was ordered during the summer months. Mrs Allen suggested that a collection be taken at our next popular meeting for this purpose. It was moved and carried that a collection be taken at our meetings until the whole sum, $25, be secured, Miss Lincoln stating that there was already $9 in the treasury for that purpose.

A lady in West Virginia desires to assume the full support ($300) of Miss Mc Mullen. Dr. Humble had already secured $180 towards her salary. Miss Mc Mullen asks that Dr. Humble be allowed to give this $180 towards the support of Miss Cort, who is not commissioned on a salary. This was granted and action taken that Miss Mc Mullen be recommissioned at $300, the amount which will come to our Treasury, the gift of the lady from West Virginia.

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Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held Jan. 26th,1897. Mrs James in the chair.

Before docket was presented Mrs James read a letter from Mrs Hume,who wrote as follows concerning the school at Anadarko, Okl. Ter. "This school has good apartments about the only one whore there is good air space. The table is good - excellent,but nothing extravagant. The farm is in good condition,and everything well kept up,but one must not expect too much from a school farm". The whole tenor of the letter was encouraging regarding the work at this point.

A letter has come from Miss Manning,who has reached Juneau on her way to Chilkat. She finds that Miss Sheets who is at Juneau,is better and expects to return to Chilkat. Miss Manning is obliged to board while waiting for the opportunity to go to Chilkat since there is not sufficient room at the Mission as both Miss Sheets and Mrs Warne are at present accommodated there. The question arises,shall Miss Manning go on to Chilkat if Miss Sheets returns for the rest of the school year? It was moved and carried that Miss Manning be instructed to go to Chilkat as previously recommended. Conversation followed relating to the vacation of Miss Sheets,but no definite action was taken as to advising her to do otherwise than follow her own judgment in returning to Chilkat and finishing the school year.

Mr. and Mrs Hall have been at Canon Bonita for sixteen years. As a result of this continuous service in a place of great altitude Mr.Hall needs a rest. An elder of our church at Santa Fe tells of the great advance that has been made at Canon Bonita since Mr.and Mrs Hall have labored there. It is a real emergence from heathenism. Mrs James recommended that they have the well earned rest immediately. It was moved and carried that Mr.Mc Afee be instructed to confer with the School Committee,recommending that Mr. and Mrs Hall be granted a year of rest on half pay. Mrs James said she was going to Washington and would herself see the Washington Society which is interested in Mr.Hall.

Miss Taylor of American Fork,Utah,writes to ask if she may not give up her school and give all her time to missionary work. She writes as follows:- "We do not have a large school on account of tuition charged. Most of those who do come are strong Mormons,fortified against our religion,and only come to the Mission school because it is better than the public school." As this method of reaching the Mormons seems to the Committee far the better way it was moved and carried that Miss Taylor be instructed to continue her school as in the judgment of the Committee she would in this way be doing effective missionary work.

At Hyden,Ky.,we have had Rev. Mr.Marshall - now Rev. Mr. Walton has taken his place,and the Executive Committee are requested to confirm the appointment of Mr.Walton. Moved and carried that we confirm the appointment.

The School Committee recommend the appointment of Miss Rosa Blanton at Hot Springs,N.C. in place of Miss Bryson who has left on account of ill health. Moved and carried that the action of the School Committee be confirmed and that Miss Rosa Blanton be commissioned as teacher at Hot Springs.

The office having been appointed to draft resolutions relating to the Loud and Vilas Bills,the following were presented.

1. Resolved: That this organization heartily endorsing the "Vilas Bill" entitled "An Act to prevent the carrying of obscene literature and articles designed for indecent and immoral use from one State or Territory into another State or Territory",respectfully urge the Hon. Thos.B.Reed to call the same for speedy action by the House.

2. Whereas,by the Postal Laws as now enforced, "Pernicious Publications" styled "Periodicals" to the amount of thousands of tons are carried by the mails as Second Class Matter at one cent a pound,at a loss of millions of dollars to the people,whilst other printed matter is charged eight cents a pound,and letters 32 cents a pound.

Resolved: That this organization urge the passage of the "Loud Bill."

Action taken accepting the resolutions as presented and recommending that the resolution endorsing the Loud Bill be sent to Senator Julius C.Burrows,and that letters be written to the Hon. David B.Hill and Hon. Edward Murphy,Jr.

Rev. Mr. Alexander of Patterson's Mills had our work at that point favorably noticed in the paper of that locality,showing the relation between the Southern Church and our work,evidently desiring to give credit to our Committee for the work done there. It was moved that an expression of our appreciation of his thoughtful generosity be conveyed to him through our secretary.

Miss Jones presented a matter which sometimes causes much difficulty - that is,the best method for the Young Peoples' Societies to send their contributions. Societies often ask which way of the four presented do you consider the best. Conversation followed as to whether societies objected to sending through presbyterial treasurers. Since we are organized presbyterially,it was moved and carried that Miss Jones in conference with the Board ascertain if they would object to having the clause "We prefer all monies sent through presbyterial treasurers" appended to the instructions how to send contributions.

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Meeting of Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday Jan 28th at 10.30 A.M. A prayer meeting of half an hour led by Miss Perley preceded the business. Miss Perley took for her theme the promises of answer to prayer, but noticed the conditions made by our Saviour, viz, that we were to seek first the kingdom of God, to abide in Him, then may we have the assurance that our prayers will receive full answer. Mrs Hepburn being present was asked to say a few words. In response she stated that she had recently taken up Home Mission work in the church to which she now belongs, and rejoices to find the interest all one, and that though her whole life had been spent in Foreign lands, she found herself quite ready to take up Home Mission work as it now comes to her.

Mrs Pingry was asked to make a short prayer for guidance in the conduct of our business meeting. Mrs Bruen of New Jersey being also present told of a little personal experience in the sympathy of Jesus, whose tears with the sorrows of others, have been the great comfort of his disciples.

Mrs Walker's Committee having examined the article on Mormonism prepared by Dr Mc Millan, stated first that the Board decline to publish this article with us. The feeling of the Publication Committee is that the paper is one that we women do not like to put forth without the moral support of the Board, the matter of expense they consider as secondary. A motion was carried that the Committee receive the report of the Publication Committee and give it their hearty endorsement. Motion also supported that the Publication Committee with Mrs Sinclair added to their number go at once before the Board and make an appeal setting forth the sentiment of the Committee regarding the pamphlet of Dr Mc Millan.

Mrs Pierson asked what was the wish of the Committee as to the matter to be incorporated in the page of the March issue of the Assembly Herald; left in the hands of Mrs Finks.

Mrs James wished that the cost of our buildings which we hold for the church; the running expenses of maintaining the work, insurance etc., as well as the continual effort to be made in view of the relinquishing of Government aid, be all set forth in this page. Mrs Finks asked that the various ladies having telling facts in mind write them out for this purpose.

In order to get a monthly statement of how our teachers salaries stand, of how much money is passed out for repairs on buildings etc., and of what we really have in hand, a motion was carried that the Finance Committee hold a conference with the Treasurer of the Board, to ask if such a monthly statement cannot be given to us regularly.

As to illustrating the page in the Assembly Herald a motion was supported that we have not less than two illustrations.

The Publication Committee returning from their conference with the secretaries of the Board, reported that in the absence of Dr Roberts they could only see Dr Mc Millan, who promised to have an interview with Dr Roberts and urge the publication of his leaflet by the Board, giving the reasons of the Committee for so doing.

Prof Caskey writes from Salt Lake City, Utah, that Miss Murphy is filling Miss Moore's place with entire satisfaction and should receive the same salary. Action to this effect has already

mittee approve the raising of the remainder of the money, and having been put to vote the Committee concurred in their action.

Miss Speakman of Payson, Utah, urges the minister moving into the vacant rooms of the teachers building, as the presence of his family will be acceptable to them. A motion was carried that the rental to be asked for be left for decision with the office in conference with Dr Mc Millan.

Miss Ora Gates of Hungerford Academy, Springville, Utah, asks if they may not have a library for the girls and sends a list of books desirable for the purpose. Mrs James made a motion that this list of books be published in the Home Mission Monthly, after careful revision by the office in conference with the Publication Committee.

Mr Mc Nair, interested in Little Italy down in Pennsylvania, was in the office yesterday, and promised to come into the meeting to-day. But as he did not appear, Mrs Pierson read a letter from the teacher there, in most interesting English and manifesting much interest in her work.

Miss Lincoln reported on the bill for lettering our rooms that no concession having been made, she would ask for the bill to be signed by the chairman of the Finance Committee. A motion supported so ordered it.

Mrs Morgan read a letter from one of the Sup'ts of Indian Schools setting forth his plan for the adoption of Indian children. Mrs Morgan gave her husband's ideas on the subject and these were that it was good work for us to authorize, but that his plan should be well laid before the Indian agent and a paper filled out for each one showing that the annuities were to be paid by the Government and that we would simply act as their guardians.

Motion carried that Mrs Morgan have a conference with Mr Mc Afee securing all the facts possible regarding the Indian children, by correspondence for it.

Motion supported that the decision to be taken as to the publication of Dr Mc Millan's leaflet be left with power to the Publication Committee after hearing the answer from the Board.

Afternoon session.

An appeal from Mr Fait, Sup't at Anadarko, Ind. Ter., that Miss Trotter should be allowed to remain as cooking teacher until the end of the school year, was approved, and motion carried that we so direct Miss Trotter.

A short leaflet to accompany the new "Blessing Bags" is thought desirable - made up of an extract from "Our Country" on the subject of self-restraint and blessing. It was ordered that such a leaflet be prepared and sent out when the "Blessing Bags" are distributed.

The Board signify their willingness to publish the leaflet "Mormon Articles of Faith Explained" for distribution in the Mountains of the South.

Mrs Roberts appealed to the Committee to consider the advisability of changing our name, owing to the increasing confusion caused by such a term as the Executive Committee. Mrs Roberts was appointed a Committee to consider the subject and propose a substitute for our title, conferring with the officers of the Board concerning it.

Meeting adjourned.

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Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held Feb. 9th,1897. Mrs James in the chair.

Before the docket was presented Mr.Mc Afee presented the Alaska work,giving the average cost per pupil for the year at the various points. Sitka,Juneau and Chilkat. He stated that Dr.Jackson recommended that the work be strengthened if possible at Sitka.

Mr.Mc Afee also compared the cost per pupil at various other places - showing that the cost in Alaska was not so much greater,if the cost of living,transportation &c. be taken into consideration. The question of retrenchment in Alaska faces us,and the best method must be sought. If the Juneau Home can be disposed of,the "Home" there can easily be temporarily abandoned and when the financial condition of the Woman's Executive Committee authorizes a new Home it may be readily built. Mr.Mc Afee stated in reference to a superintendent for the Sitka school,that in conference with Dr.Jackson,and Judge Kelly,the following decision was reached. Judge Kelly is willing to go now to be at Sitka April 1st,and remain for a year pending his appointment as U.S.Marshal by the President. Should he be called upon to leave before the expiration of a year,he would notify the Committee in time for his successor to be there with him at least two months before his departure. Much conversation followed as to the best measures to take in Alaska. It was moved and seconded that we endeavor to sell the property at Juneau,closing the Home at the expiration of the school year,even if we cannot sell. Carried. Moved and carried that we do not close the Home at Chilkat,but that there must be no increase of expense,the number taken in the Home to be no greater than the present force of workers can care for.

Mrs James then read a bright cheery letter from Harlan, Ky. The school is in a most prosperous condition and the work very encouraging.

Mrs Pierson reported that the cost of the lumber which Mr.Baskerville requires will be about $50. Moved and carried that Mr.Baskerville be permitted to purchase the required lumber.

Rev.A.M.Mc Clean will go to the Nez Perces. The Board asks the Woman's Executive Committee to give him the same amount ($600) that they gave to Miss Sue Mc Beth. Mrs James though we did not have sufficient knowledge of the condition to take action. The action was deferred until more should be learned about the situation.

An appeal from Mr.Mondragon for Spanish Bibles and Testaments. Motion carried that the request be referred to Mrs Weston asking her to obtain them on her grant if possible.

After earnest prayer by Mrs Honeyman the meeting was adjourned.

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After prayer by Mrs Blair the docket was presented by Mrs Pierson.

Mrs Pierson spoke of a letter from Mrs Wade,who wished there might be some little paper published that could follow the Alaskans into their homes - something that would be helpful to them,keep them in touch with the school they have left and help them in the Divine life. Conversation followed in regard to the little papers now published - "The North Star" and "The Northern Light",whether these might not be utilized in some way to meet the need of which Mrs Wade speaks. On motion of Mrs Morgan it was resolved to confer with Judge Kelly in reference to this matter,asking suggestions from him,if the plan be in any way a feasible one.

Notice was again given of the Day of Humiliation and Prayer and Mrs Honeyman urged all to attend.

A letter from Dr.Duncan asks that we wait for more light before transferring the work from Grassy Cove,Tenn,urging that the Tennessee side of the work be helped,either at Wartburg or Huntsville. Resolution made and carried that the transfer be made to some point in Tennessee if it meets the judgment of the Committee at the May Conference.

Miss Hubbard at the asheville Normal has been giving her services during the year. She has done so much that Dr.Lawrence asks that fifty dollars be granted her for her work. On motion of Mrs Parsons this was granted.

A letter from Miss Pond also one from Miss Phillips brings forward the matter of the water supply at Hot Springs,N.C. The plan urged is that we help lay a pipe from the Spring to the hotel,and from there to Dorland Institute. The money is already in hand for the water supply,the question is,what is the best method for procuring this.

Mrs Weston moved that if arrangements can be made which will be thoroughly business-like,that we take the necessary steps to procure a water supply in the manner indicated. Seconded and carried.

A communication from Mrs Penfield offering her resignatio as member of the Advisory Committee,which on motion was accepted.

It is time to begin to plan for the Annual Meeting to be held at Winona. It is necessary that one of the Stenographers attend,and Mrs Pierson asked that Miss Lloyd be appointed. Motion carried that the matter be left to the office with power.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourne after several brief prayers were offered.

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Miss Lincoln presented a request from Mrs Carter who is matron at the Sitka school, that a vacation be granted her. It was resolved that this be granted.

Mr. L. F. Cooper teacher of the school at Jeroldstown, Tenn., has asked for a vacation of four months. This was granted.

The school at Walnut Springs, N.C. is greatly in need of a cellar for storing vegetables etc. It was decided that this be allowed provided the cost does not exceed $15.

Mr. Baskervill superintendent of the Good Will Mission, South Dakota, has not sufficient shelter for the farm cattle. He asks permission to have a sale of such supplies as have accumulated in order to raise sufficient money to put up this needed building. It was resolved that Mr. Baskervill's request be granted provided no expense is involved.

It was resolved that Miss Sheets of Alaska be invited to attend the Annual Meeting, as she is now at her home in Ohio.

Mrs Finks presented the plan of a simultaneous canvass for subscribers for the Home Mission Monthly in addition to the work of appointed secretaries of literature in the churches, and that two weeks be devoted to this effort. The plan was approved by the Committee.

The annual report of the Editor of Over Sea and Land was read by Mrs Finks. The report was accepted.

It was resolved also to accept the recommendation of Mrs Perkins, that one lady shall be appointed in New York and one in Philadelphia, on both the Foreign and Home departments, to decide matters which shall arise of an ordinary nature, relating to Over Sea and Land.

Mrs James read a letter received from Mrs Hume of Anadarko, Okl. Ter. stating that a Government Inspector having viewed our Homes and schools, highly approved the work that is being done.

Dr. Dickey and Hon. Judge Wilson suggest that the Woman's Executive Committee shall consider the question to aid the work of the Home Board by assisting in the support of their missionaries. This has already been done to a certain extent. Resolved that a meeting be called for next Tuesday at 2 P.M. when these gentlemen shall be invited to meet us in conference.

Mrs James read the names of the various committees. She urged the importance of having suitable text books in the school on the subject of temperance. It was resolved that at the Spring Conference a request be preferred that a text book on the subject of temperance be furnished to each teacher in our schools.

On motion the meeting adjourned at about 12.30 P.M.

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Ways and Means Committee was held Tuesday, March 30th, 1897 Mrs Roberts in the chair.

Miss Lincoln reported a deposit of $10,000 the preceding day, and a hopeful outlook from the fact that many presbyteries hav have not yet been heard from.

Announcement was made that the "Outline of work and By-laws" was ready and any member could have a copy on application.

A letter from Dr. Jackson asking if it would not be well to make the meeting of April 6th a farewell meeting for Dr. and Mrs Marsh who are about to start for Pt Barrow. Dr. and Mrs Marsh do not go out under the Woman's Executive Committee but under the government, yet as Christian workers in the Alaskan field a strong interest is felt in them personally and in the field to which they go. Mrs Parsons motioned that we ask Dr. and Mrs Marsh to be present at the meeting on April 6th, the invitation also be extended to Dr. Jackson and Mr. Brady. Seconded and carried.

A letter from Miss Boyer asking if the circular letter might be sent to Phila. promptly, that she might have it cyclostyled and sent to societies in that Presbytery. Carried.

Word has come that Miss Perley is sick and cannot meet her engagements in Ohio, for the present at least. Mrs James moved that Miss Mc Cracken be asked to go in her place, filling the engagements until such time as Miss Perley is able to go herself, Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that we publish and circulate a leaflet used on the Mormon field, and also extensively circulated by Miss Stephenson in the Mountains of the south, entitled "Why Presbyterians cannot affiliate with "Latter Day Saints".

Miss Mary Crowell of Montpelier, Idaho, writes Mr. Mc Afee that in the public school there are now Christian teachers. The school has 98 in attendance, average 38. Miss Crowell will not remain longer, having matrimonial intents, so Mr. Mc Afee suggests a retrenchment at this point, letting the public school do the work. Mrs James thought we ought not to give up any points among the Mormons. Action deferred until the close of the fiscal year.

Miss Beekman writes that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the people at Monroe, Utah, the temperance work is growing, and several have been gained for the C.E. Society.

Our workers at Laguna, N.M. felt so sure that the work was to be turned over to the government, that one of them, Miss Mathes has applied for a position under the government. Miss Houston asks that she may be allowed to remain, teaching three hours in the morning, conducting an evening school, and spending the balance of the time in house to house visiting. She would have no fears in regard to living alone. Motion made and carried that Miss Houston

be retained on the terms asked.

Miss Lydia Hays of Santa Fe,N.M. asks that she may return home for her vacation,her father being ill. She returns at her own expense,but asks that permission since this is not her vacation year.

Miss Harris as matron at Santa Fe,has not been entirely satisfactory;she is at present at her home. Miss Allison asks that a worker from Rochester be commissioned. Miss Allison did not send the address,but it was decided not to appoint one so near the close of the year,but ask Miss Allison to obtain help at Santa Fe for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Jeffrey writes in relation to the industrial work. He thinks that unless a <u>good</u> carpenter be provided it would be better not to have one appointed at all. The time is too early to make such arrangements,and on motion the matter was laid over until the May Conference.

Mrs James read a communication from the chief Executive stating that the matter of the appointment of Judge Brady as Governor of Alaska had been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior. Mrs James moved that a letter be sent,a joint action of the Board and Woman's Executive Committee,to the Attorney General,asking the following appointments in Alaska. Mr.Kelley for Marshal,Judge Truitt for Judge and Mr.Heid for Attorney.

Mrs James asked how white counter-panes could be provided for Hot Springs. Miss Lincoln suggested that they be procured by solicitation,through Mrs Baker,when boxes are sent to Hot Springs. A motion was made to this effect and carried.

In the line of retrenchment it was moved and carried that the school at Parker Hall,N.C. be closed for two years,correspondence to be had with the teachers whether services of some kind might not be held there occasionally on Sundays,once or twice a month as the case may be determined according to circumstances.

Mrs Finks presented a communication from the Foreign ladies asking that they might use such leaflets of ours as were adapted for use in Bands ,S.S. &c. making part of a book of exercises issued by them. Our Publication Committee having in preparation at present,a book of "Hints and Helps for Bands,C.E's &c," on motion Mrs Finks was asked to write our sister workers at Phila. to that effect,stating that we shall use these exercises and leaflets in the preparation of our own book of Exercises,and therefore would not care to have them used in the way suggested.

Mrs Boyd spoke of a story written for the Youth's Companion entitled "The box from St Marks". This was written for Home Missions,the amount paid for it,$30,(to the author) being contributed for that purpose. It was moved that we ascertain from the publisher of the Youth's Companion,if we may have the right to publish the same as a leaflet.

There being no further business,the meeting adjourned.

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Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held April 13th,1897. Mrs Roberts presiding.

The question was discussed of selling our mission property at Juneau,Alaska,and rebuilding at a more desirable point. It was resolved to comtinue our school and Home until the property is sold,then to rebuild immediately.

Mrs James moved that Mr.Mc Afee be requested to visit Alaska and judge of the success of the work even going so far as Hydah. Carried.

Mrs Sleight of El Rito,N.M. asks for a vacation of two months. This was granted.

As Mrs Leckie of Rochester is willing to undertake the work of cooking teacher at Santa Fe,N.M. for the remaining two months of the school year,paying her own traveling expenses,it was resolved that she be sent there,according to Miss Allison's suggestion.

Miss Phillips having asked for another teacher at Hot Springs,N.C. it was resolved that one be granted.

The question regarding the school at Riceville,N.C. was then considered and it was resolved to refer this question to the May Conference with the recommendation that a strong,efficient teacher be provided for this school and that she be accompanied by a friend for protection.

Miss Pond of Hot Springs asks for several needed pieces of furniture for the Home. Resolved that these be procured as cheaply as possible.

A recommendation from the Board suggests that Miss Jones shall be appointed as the successor of Miss Wishard and that her salary shall be the same as that received by Miss Wishard. Resolved that we acquiesce in this plan.

Mr.Mershon having prepared a kindergarten Indian village for Mission Bands,the publishers wish us to advertise it in all the non-contributing churches,offering it at reduced prices. Resolved that in the judgment of the Committee this plan is not practicable.

It was resolved that Miss Johns of the Home Industrial school at Asheville,N.C. shall be invited to represent this work at the annual meeting: that

Miss Lydia Hays of Santa Fe,N.M. shall be invited to represent the work in New Mexico; that Dr.Jackson represent Alaska. Mrs James suggested that work among the Indians be represented by some one to be recommended by Mr.King of Henry Kendall College,Muskogee,Ind. Ter. and that the work on the Mormon field shall be presented by General Eaton. Mrs James,Mrs Finks and Mrs Walker were appointed to prepare a program for the annual meeting varying its former character.

Mrs James proposed that in order to economize,this year we shall dispense with a stenographer for the annual meeting. This was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1.05.

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held May 7th,1897.

A special meeting was called to act upon a request of Miss Mc Cullough's. Miss Mc Cullough is at the East,under appointment as teacher at Mendon,Utah. She desires to attend the C.E. Convention at San Francisco,and asks that her expenses may be paid to the field a little before the usual time,that she may go to California. She will return to Mendon in time to make all arrangements for school work. Moved and carried that Miss Mc Cullough's request be granted.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held on Tuesday,May 11th,1897. Mrs Roberts in the chair.

Mrs Pierson first presented a request from Mr.McAfee that this year Dr.Spinning be asked to represent the Woman's Executive Committee at the Board's Popular Meeting held in connection with the Assembly at Winona. Moved and carried that we make this as a recommendation to the Board.

Mrs J.W.Mc Farland of Alaska does not intend to return to the work. She would like to go about among the societies on the Pacific Coast and represent our work. Mrs James motioned that the offer be accepted tentatively;any permanent arrangement to be left to the future. Carried.

Miss Alice Hyson of Ranchos de Taos,N.M. asks that she may take her vacation away from the field,leaving Mr.Vigil in charge. She will leave a little in advance of usual time,that she may attend the C.E.meeting at San Francisco. Granted.

Mrs James stated that she heard there was some dissatisfaction in regard to not taking a stenographer to Winona,and therefore she moved a reconsideration of her motion to lessen expense by doing away with a stenographer. Mrs Finks spoke on behalf of the Home Mission Monthly,that matters connected with the magazine would be cared for. Mrs Pierson thought it well to make the experiment. Further conversation proved that the previous motion was sustained.

A letter was read from Mrs Thompson of La Placitas,N.M. in which she asks to be transferred to another point. Mrs Pierson stated that Mr.McAfee had already acted in the matter and Mrs Thompson would be transferred to San Pablo.

Meeting adjourned at 12 M.

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The regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was held at 11.10 A.M. on Tuesday, June 8th, 1897.

The attention of the Committee was called to the death of Rev.L.M.Pease at Asheville, N.C. and on motion of Mrs Honeyman the following resolutions were adopted and ordered to be placed in the minutes of the meeting.

At the meeting held Tuesday June 8th, 1897, the Woman's Executive Committee adopted the following resolution:

Whereas: Our Father has called home our revered and beloved friend, Rev.L.M.Pease, thus removing from our Asheville work its first benefactor and leader, whose last years even in failing health have been a continual benediction upon it, therefore

Resolved: That the Woman's Executive Committee record upon their minutes, and extent to Mrs.Pease, with tender sympathy, their profound appreciation of the inestimable service rendered to the Presbyterian Church, to this department of the Board of Home Missions in particular, and to the cause of Christ in the mountains of the South, by this great and good man who was the founder of the Asheville Home Industrial School, and the tireless prosecutor of mission work in that vicinity.

The question was asked as to whether one quarter's salary shall be paid to the family of Miss Fannie Perley, as is customary when a teacher dies while still in commission. Motion made by Mrs James, that this be granted. Carried.

Mr.Caskey of Salt Lake Institute, Utah, asks for sixty copies of "Laudes Domini". Left with the office with power.

Miss Anna Noble, Samaria, Odaho, requests continuance of scholarships of $75.

Chapel-School-house at Spanish Fork, Utah, needs repairs to the amount of $16. Referred to Dr.Wishard.

Miss E.Craig at El Prado de Taos, N.M. asks for vacation. Granted.

The same asked for Miss Estelle Mathes of Park Hill, Ind. Ter. Granted.

Miss Partridge one of the Bible Readers of the mountains of the South, asks for a vacation. Granted.

The relation of the Woman's Executive Committee to the new Sheldon Jackson College was discussed. Mrs James moved that the question of the amount of space to be used by the College Institute building be referred to Mr.Caskey with power.

Permission was granted to Miss Sammons to purchase necessary furniture referred to in her letter.

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Mr.Fox who is now a missionary under the Board, commissioned for Asheville and Riceville, N.C. may consider a call from an Indiana church. The request is made that Mr.Fox be commissioned by the Woman's Executive Committee as teacher at the Farm School, he to preach at Oakland Heights Church in the A.M., the teachers to raise $350 of Mr.Fox's salary, and at the Farm school in the evening, the teachers there providing $200, the remainder to be paid by the Woman's Executive Committee. Carried, if necessary arrangements can be made.

Permission granted Miss Young to remain at Auburn, N.Y. to attend the meeting of Presbytery at which she has been asked to speak.

Voted that $18 be granted to purchase the furniture at Riceville, N.C. the property of Mrs Blackburn.

Miss Stephenson's requisition for supplies for the dining room and kitchen was granted.

A letter from Mr.McGaw of Hot Springs, N.C. was read, referring to the question of a new building for school purposes at Marshall. Question was referred for further discussion.

Moved and carried that some necessary changes in relation to the gas fixtures be made, that there may be some convenient method of heating water in the office.

Asked that the Committee hold its Sunday afternoon meeting in connection with Assembly at 3.30 instead of 3 P.M. as before. Granted.

Thirty-three dollars appropriation asked for window screens at Harlan, Ky., money to be secured as a "special". Granted.

At a later meeting it was decided that the school at Paint Rock, N.C. should be closed until a teacher's Home could be built or purchased, and that, therefore the appointment of Miss Means should be recalled.

Meeting adjourned.

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Ways and Means Committee Meeting, June 28th, 1897. Mrs Roberts in the chair.

This being the last meeting of the season, the minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. On motion the minutes of this meeting to be approved by the office.

An application from the missionary of the Board, Rev. Mr. Austin recently sent to Hoonah, Alaska, asking for repairs on the property of the Woman's Board, occupied by him and his family, was carefully considered and it was resolved to make the necessary repairs, not to exceed $100., intimating that in future, the missionary would be expected to keep the house in repair in lieu of rent. It is understood that Mrs Mc Farland, though a Government teacher at Hoonah, shall be allowed residence there and will act as missionary, her name to be retained on our list.

Vacations were granted to the following named missionaries, since they come under the rule: Mr. and Mrs. Robe, and Miss Ashley of Nuyaka, Ind. Ter.; Miss Rowland of Tucson, Arizona, and Miss Mabel Moore of Walnut Spring, N. C.

On motion a special scholarship of $75. allowed Miss Noble of Samaria, Idaho is dated September instead of June as allowed at last meeting, in order to make it continuous.

Also the date of scholarship of Miss Mattie White, teacher at Paris, Idaho, be changed from February to August 28th, the date of her commission.

The officers of the Board having agreed to furnish members of the Board of Home Missions with a complete set of their publications, ask that the Woman's Board take similar action. Carried

The matter of a narrative leaflet to accompany the Sunday School programme for November was next discussed. The little story of Capatola, published in a recent number of Over Sea and Land, having aroused interest, it was resolved to communicate with the Editor of that magazine wi th a view of publishing it as a leaflet.

The matter of furnishing material for the Assembly Herald for September was referred to the office.

The necessity for awnings on the south side of our offices being recognized, it was suggested that a collection be taken for that purpose, and the amount supplemented from our furnishing fund, and that they be ordered at once, with the understanding that the amount borrowed from the furnishing fund be replaced in the fall by a special appeal.

The matter of blanks for us in the Box Department referred to the office with power.

The announcement was made that Hints and Helps for Juniors and Bands is in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for sale.

Presbyterial meeting at Princeton on Mormonism and then make other appointments including the synodical meeting at Utica,N.Y. presenting the interests of Whitman College. The proposition was declined and it was moved that our officers of these Synods be written to and warned against presenting new and undenominational work at their meetings.

The condition of the Spanish school in Los Angeles,Cali., was presented by Miss Jones and thoroughly discussed. Action was deferred until after Mrs Pierson's visit to the Pacific Coast in October.

Application for a supply of mattrasses for Albuquerque, N.M. confirmed.

One music chart granted to Mrs Bryce,Las Vegas,N.M. confirmed.

Fifty dollars for sewer,Asheville Farm school ordered by County authorities,confirmed.

Furniture for boy's Matron's room,Tucson,Arizona,confirmed.

Mrs McAfee of Missouri,Synodical President,asked for a speaker to work throughout the Synod. Moved and seconded that some speaker be provided for her.

Upon motion meeting adjourned at 12.45.

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Minutes of the Ways and Means Committee, Tuesday, Sept 14th 1897.

The matter of notices was brought before the meeting and after discussion decision was reached that hereafter there should be no notices mailed to members of the Ways and Means Committee for the Tuesday meetings. It was also decided that all members of the Advisory Committee not members of the Ways and Means Committee should be notified of the regular meeting.

Mrs Pierson read a letter from Miss Gilchrist calling attention to the case of a girl twelve years old, whose mother is a Mexican woman of not very good character and whom Miss Gilchrist asked to have taken from her present associations and placed under Miss Allison's influence in the Santa Fe school. On motion it was determined to write for further information regarding the child before taking action.

An appeal for clothing was received from two students at Washington College, Tenn., and Mrs Pierson asked that a definite action be taken that should establish our policy in relation to schools and colleges not under the jurisdiction of our Board. Mrs. Honeyman offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that we confine our efforts in securing mission boxes to the relief and comfort of missionaries of the Board and their families and to our mission schools.

Mrs Pierson called attention to the fact that in the readjustment of affairs at Salt Lake Collegiate Institute it had been possible to reduce the force of teachers, and she asked that because of Mr. Caskey's increased responsibility his salary be enlarged. Upon motion it was voted to raise Mr. Caskey's salary, the increase to date from the date of this year's commissions

Miss Fannie Taylor of American Fork, Utah, sent wor of the need of increased school facilities in a community of Gentiles and apostate Mormons in Alpine Canon. They receive $100 of the public school money which is sufficient to keep school open three months of the year. Miss Taylor asked that the Woman's Board appropriate $100 more and secure a Presbyterian teacher who could teach the school for six months. Upon motion it was decided that it would be impossible to undertake this new work.

Because of the illness of Mrs. Mc Ewen which lays her aside from active work, it is necessary to appoint some one to act with Mrs Weston in providing leaders and preparing programmes for our public meetings on the third Tuesdays of the month. It was moved that the Secretary communicate with Mrs Moses and Mrs Bulkley asking that they suggest some one from their respective congregations who would be useful on such committee and as a member of the

Adv sory Committee.

As Miss Pond declined the position of organist owing to other dutics which make it impossible for her to be present at the meetings on Tuesdays,it was moved and seconded that an invitation be sent to Mrs.Mc Cook to act in that capacity.

Word came from Albuquerque,N.M. that the horse which has performed the work for the school for many years was too old for further active service,and Mr.Ross asked that he be allowed to purchase two ponies which would do the work better and he thought would be more economical than one large horse;the entire cost for ponies,harness and wagon pole would be $92. Upon motion this was granted.

He also asked for stoves for the boy's dormitory and sitting room; estimated cost $47. Upon motion these were granted.

Mr.Ross asked whether he should refuse boys because they have no money to pay for their tuition. It was moved that such cases be left to his discretion,providing the number so received should not exceed five pupils.

He also asked whether he should charge each of the workers for light and fuel. It was moved and seconded that light and fuel be allowed.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mrs Brownell expressing the regret of the Woman's Board that she had been kept from meeting with us for so long a time,and her inability to fill the active duties of her office.

Meeting adjourned.

The meeting of Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 11 A.M.,on Tuesday,Sept 28th,1897,with Mrs W.E.Honeyman in the chair.

A request from Miss Stephenson of Asheville,N.C. was read, asking that she be permitted to solicit from the ladies of Cincinnati Presbytery as a special, a carpet for Miss Dean's room in the Home Industrial. It was moved and carried that this request be granted.

The Woman's Board has accepted the salaries of the following missionaries: Mr.Warne of Chilkat,Alaska; Mr.Fait of Anadarko, Okl.Ter.; Mr.Hardy of St George,Utah; Mr.Fox of the Asheville Farm School,N.C.; and Mr.Clemens of Harlan,Ky.,,

A request was received from Miss Miller of Dwight,Ind.Ter asking whether medical supplies may not be sent her,as she so often had need of them. As there is no fund for such a purpose,it was moved that the request be granted,if the money for these supplies could be procured as a special. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr.Jeffrey,saying that the proposed plan for the new sewer is not satisfactory to the authorities at Asheville,and that the plan proposed by them will cost more than the $50 granted him for this purpose. He asks that he be allowed to proceed with the plans required by the authorities. Request was granted,with the recommendation that Mr.Jeffrey accept no plans which he personally did not consider satisfactory.

Miss Stephenson,Asheville,N.C. of the Home Industrial, and Mr.Baskervill of Good Will,So.Dakota,sent a requisition for Singer sewing machines. The request was granted,if the amount for this purpose could be procured as a special.

Owing to the condition of the ground about the Institute at Logan,Utah,the water has gone into the cellar,and some leakages have occurred. In order to place the cellar and grounds in good condition it is necessary to have drains and a small ditch to protect the walls. The work may be done at an estimated cost of $40. The General Building and Repair Fund covers this expense,and the requisition was granted.

At the meeting two weeks before the case of a little girl at Las Vegas,N.M. was brought up. Miss Gilchrist had asked that she might send her to Santa Fe,N.M.,a little girl about eleven years of age,who had no one to care for her,and was in sad need of such a home life as the school would provide. The information was not considered enough; Miss Gilchrist was written to. In reply she states at length the history of the child; a most pitiful and sad case, and that she has already been sent to Santa Fe,with Miss Allison's permission. After all the circumstances had been listened to a motion was made by Mrs Allen that the child be retained in the school,and that a scholarship be procured for her. Carried.

Miss Freece of Kaysville,Utah,asked for a bell for the Chapel. It was moved and carried that if the people of Kaysville would themselves contribute toward the amount required to purchase a bell,the Woman's Board would consider the matter of presenting the plea as a special,providing any society desiring to aid in this matter would give the amount over and above their pledged work.

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes of meeting of Ways and Means Committee held Oct. 26th,1897. A statement was made that money for the second-hand organ for use at Wasatch Academy ,Mt Pleasant,Utah,had been secured without appealing through the H.M.Monthly. But as Mr.Mc Afee thought that Wasatch Academy should have a reed organ,it was recommended that the second-hand instrument be placed in La Costilla, N.M. where it is much needed. Upon motion this was carried.

The commission of Miss Laura Preston of Walnut Springs, N.C. expires on Jan 1st 1898,and she asks for a release on Dec.15th 1897. Upon motion she was granted the two weeks vacation.

A letter was read from Ignacio Perea,the evangelist at Los Lentes,N.M. asking for bedding for our school at that place. Upon motion the matter was referred to Mrs Baker to secure bedding from some auxiliary.

Mrs Hume sent word asking that she be allowed to secure space at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to display Home Mission Literature. A motion was made that we make an effort to secure the needed space. This was carried.

A motion was made to purchase a map of Alaska to be rented to societies for a nominal sum. This motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Meeting of the Ways and Means Committee held Nov.9th,1897 Mrs Roberts in the chair.

A letter was read from Mrs Danforth of the Central Church. She would be willing to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Woman's Board but their own church society meets on the same day, Tuesday. She will endeavor to attend the third Tuesday of each month, but could not promise to attend any other meeting. Mrs Roberts suggested that we confer with the officers of that church and see if any good worker could come. Mrs McEwen moved that the ladies of the Central Church be conferred with and that a lady be asked to come from that church and act on the Board. Seconded and approved.

A proposition was made that we obtain space in the Trans-Mississippi Exposition(to be held at Omaha,Neb. from May to Nov. 1898,) for our literature,with Mrs Hardy of Nebrasks in charge,and it was left to find out what the charge would be. A space of nine square feet can be had for from three to five dollars,and that would take in about ten pounds of literature. After much conversation on the subject,a resolution was passed that we obtain space for an exhibition of our literature,unless the Exposition should be open on the Sabbath; and that we also confer with the Board with reference to their literature.

Miss Phillips of Dorland Institute made requisition for a mimeograph or Lawton Duplicator,something whereby she may duplicate letters sent out. Since the letters can be cyclostyled at this office,it was moved that for the present,considering the state of our finances,that the request be not granted. Carried.

A letter was read from Dr Wishard asking that some furnishing be provided for Miss McCullough,of Mendon,Utah; that it was not possible for her to l ve in the Mormon family and that none of our families live near enough to the school for her to make a home with them. It was asked how much would be required to furnish a room,and it was thought $50 would procure the needed furnishings. It was moved and carried that this be granted,provided the health of Miss McCullough would permit her to continue in the work.

The following resolution from Lackawanna Presbytery was read)- "At the Annual Society of Lackawanna,held in West Pittston, Oct. 13th and 14th,1897,it was decided by a unanimous vote that the socicties of Lackawanna Presbytery would give a portion of their money each year to the school work among the people of Foreign speech,living in this valley. This matter has been agitated for sev eral years,the time has come when we must act." It was moved that before deciding the matter that we would better confer with the Board. This was seconded and carried.

Then,a resolution from Phila. was read. "Whether it would not be advisable to bring on one of the teachers from the frontier,who is a good speaker,to go to the different churches in this and adjacent states to stimulate us to greater efforts. The kind of work that Mrs De Vore has been doing in the past." After

much conversation in regard to the subject of sending a speaker,it was decided to write to the Penna. ladies that we would send a speaker if they desired one,either for local or presbyterial socie ty; that is,if they wish to incur expense. If it is a representa tive from the office the expense will be simply that of traveling, but for any other representative it would cost five dollars and traveling expenses. There being no objection to this,the resolu- tion stood.

Two more resolutions from Penna. were read ,sent by the Penna. Synodical Society. First} "Believing that the time has come when better work for missions may be accomplished by a closer union of the two branches of our work,we,the women of the Synodical Society of Pennsylvania,assembled at McKeesport,this 27th day of Oct, respectfully submit the following resolution :- That it is our conviction that a step forward will be made by the combining of our two official organs,the 'Woman's Work for Woman' and the 'Home Mission Monthly',we affectionately ask your consideration of this matter." Miss Lincoln move that this be referred to our Editori al Committee. Seconded and carried.

Secondly, "Inasmuch as our resources are fully taxed for the support of the educational and evangelistic work for which we are responsible,we,the Synodical Society of Pennsylvania,recommend that the Woman's Board of Home Missions accept no further obliga- tions which may be suggested by the various Committees or Boards of our Church toward whose work we do not contribute as a society" A motion made and carried that the Woman's Board give their hearty approval to this resolution.

A letter was read from Mrs Perkins of Phila., in which she said the offices of Over Sea and Land would soon be moved to the new Witherspoon Building,and Miss Flanigan asked if the Home ladies in New York would like to help to furnish this room. Resolu tion offered and carried that we express our willingness to take part in furnishing the room,and that we ask our constituency in Phila. to look after this matter.

There being nc further business the meeting adjourned.

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The minutes of the Committee of Ways and Means held Nov 23rd,1897. Reference was made to a letter received from Mrs Thaw concerning the action of the Preshytery of Pittsburgh and Allegheny expressing their disapproval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions assuming the salaries of evangelists or preachers,as this is the specific work of the church through the men's Board of Home Missions. A letter had been sent to Mrs Thaw explaining the relation of the Woman's Board to this department of work. As a report of the formal action,including the resolution taken by the said Presvytery was received from the Secretary,it was voted that a similar letter of expbanation be forwarded bo Mrs White the secretary.

A letter received from Miss Phillips of Hot Springs,N.C. spoke of the condition of Miss Pond,the matron,who has had a serious case of typhoid fever to nurse and who is herself very much run down; she asked if a vacation of three or four weeks might be granted her at the Christmas holidays. As Miss Pond had remained at the school all through the summer vacation,and her health demands the rest,it was voted that she be granted four weeks vacation,if it could be arranged without incurring expense.

Mr.Boyd of Jupiter,N.C. asked for help to the amount of $1500 in securing a church building and manse; as the work growing out of our school had increased to such an extent that a church of 23 members has been organized. It was moved and carried that this be referred to the Spring Conference.

Miss Coe,formerly of Asheville Farm School,N.C. is now at the Teacher's College,N.Y.City,studying domestic science; she expected to go to Walnut Springs in January,and later accept a position in the Home Industrial School at Asheville. Miss Stephenson wrote asking that she be allowed to complete the year's study at the Teacher's College before entering upon her duties at the Home Industrial school; this was also recommended by the School Board and upon motion the recommendation was adopted.

The resignation of Mrs Leckie of Santa Fe,N.M. was considered. Mrs Leckie paid her own traveling expenses from Rochester, N.Y. to Santa Fe last January,and the Woman's Board paid her for three months service as cooking teacher at the rate of $500 a year. Sept 1st,1897 she was commissioned as laundress for one year at $400. After one month's service she met with an accident and is now in a hospital in Chigago and tenders her resignation to the Woman's Board. The School Committee recommended that the resignation be accepted and one quarter's salary ($100) be granted her. This recommendation was adopted.

The resolution forwarded by the Pennsylvania Synodical Society recommending the consolidation of the Home Mission Monthly

and Woman's Work for Woman,having been carefully considered by the Magazine Committee,they presented the following report:- That,while appreciating the kindly intentions which prompted the resolution, in their opinion such consolidation at the present time is not expedient. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.

A circular prepared and sent out by Booker T.Washington appealing for clothing and money for his school at Tuskegee,Ala., was read and discussed; as it was not clearly understood by many of our Presbyterian workers that his school was not under the control of our church,it was deemed wise to print the following in the Home Mission Monthly. This was left to the judgment of Mrs Finks. Owing to the present stress of finances of the Freedmen's Board it is suggested to societies and auxiliaries that they do not divert their contributions from this Board to the school at Tuskegee or to other outside organizations. This was made as a motion and carried.

A letter was received from Mrs Brownell tendering her resignation as Recording Secretary and asking to be relieved from active duty on the Board of Home Missions. As Mrs Brownell's health is very delicate making her release from the duties of this office necessary,it was moved and carried that her resignation be accepted with deep regret,and that we express our warm sympathy for her in her long and painful illness,together with our appreciation of her faithful service for seventeen years as Recording Secretary.

Owing to ill health Mrs Blair,one of the Vice-presidents of the Woman's Board of Home Missions asked to be relieved from serving on the Advisory Committee. It was moved and carried that this resignation be accepted conditionally.

The meeting adjourned at 12 M.

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to make good to him; the following motion was framed,put to vote and carried,that the appropriations asked for Albuquerque school amounting to $292 together with the extra sum needed to set the larger water tank be granted.

Because of sickness in the school and faculty at Santa Fe,N.M.,and extra work devolving upon Miss Allison she is in danger of breaking down nervously and it isvery important that she be granted a vacation at this time. It was recommended that we give Miss Allison eight months vacation at one half salary; commission Miss Moore as superinte ndent during her absence with superintendent's salary and engage a class room teacher to take Miss Moore's place. Moved that the recommendation be carried out; the motion was supported.

It was moved that Mrs Pierson present the plan to the church at Dobb's Ferry,N.Y. This was carried.

Dr.Wishard writes that Miss Perley is greatly missed in presenting the Mormon situation to the churches and recommends that Miss Beekman be engaged to work on the field as a speaker. It was moved that instead of following the advise of Dr.Wishard we send Mr.Campbell while east to present this work. Carried.

According to a former action of the Board,Miss Coe is allowed to continue her studies at the teacher's College until she is ready to enter upon her duties at Asheville Home Industrial school; as this leaves Miss Preston's place at Walnut Springsvacant after her resignation takes effect in December,it was moved and carried that Miss Cougle who is now acting as House-mother at Walnut Springs,be commissioned as class teacher with teacher's salary and Mrs Logan be called to take the place of House-mother.

The ladies of the Home and Foreign Society of the Luther an Church ask for permission to use the idea of our clipping book in their literature department. On motion privilege was granted.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held Tuesday,Dec.28th 1897.

Motion made by Mrs Niven that a letter be written Mrs. James telling her how much the ladies of the Board desired her pres ence at the Annual Meeting in May,asking that she return,if her health will permit,to preside at that meeting. Carried.

On motion Mrs.A.F.Avery of Katonah,N.Y. was elected a mem ber of the Advisory Committee.

Motion made that Mrs A.R.Smith be made a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

The action of the Woman's Board taken at its last Annual meeting granting vacations on half pay to those teachers who have served a long term of years was confirmed by the School Committee.

Mr.Jeffrey had asked to come north to visit industrial institutions and secure a man to take charge of the industrial work at the Asheville Farm School. It was thought best not to make a trade school of the Asheville Farm School,but to develop such trades as would be helpful to a good farmer,such as blacksmithing, carpentery &c.,and as it would be necessary to secure a good all round man to give such instruction,it was decided to allow Mr.Jeffrey to come north in January at the expense of the Woman's Board and stay as long as necessary to accomplish his object. This action of the School Committee was confirmed.

The request of Rev.W.R.King of Henry Kendall College for $9000 for a new building and enlargement of the dining room was con sidered by the School Committee; it was thought that the Creek Indians would probably purchase the school property at Nuyaka and in that case the purchase price could be applied to enlarging Henry Kendall College. Motion made that Mr.King be added to the Committee with Mr.Robe to negotiate for the sale. The recommendation was supported.

A letter was read from Mr.Hall of Tulsa,Ind.Ter. suggest ing the enlargement of the school work at that place and asking the Board to furnish a man for superintendent and an assistant teacher, the patrons of the school being willing to supply other teachers o if necessary; this proposition,the Board felt obliged to reject,as it would be impossible to undertake more than is done at present.

A letter from Mrs Morrison of Valdese,N.C. spoke of increasing interest in the school,its rapid growth and the good work being done by Miss Knox. The present accommodations are entirely inadequate and the school has to be divided,part of the pupils coming in the morning and part in the afternoon. Mrs Morrison asks for an associate for Miss Knox,who could act as matron and housekeeper as well as teacher,and suggests the renting of an empty mill which is well adapted for school purposes. As our Board cannot assume any financial obligations with regard to the work,Mrs Morrison asks to be allowed to collect the necessary money for the coming year if she can do so without interfering with the regular contribu tions to the Board. Itwas moved that this permission be granted and the method be left to Mrs Morrison's discretion.

A communication was received from Miss Childs,chairman of the World's Committee of Woman's Missionary Societies,inviting Mrs. James to meet with the Committee in a conference on Jan.12th.,1898, preparatory to the World's Congress of Missions to be held in New